Implementation of SEZ project at Mangalore

193. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact to wards implementation of the Special Economic Zone Project at Mangalore, Karnataka, ONGC proposes to divide various aspects of the projects among various other public sector oil and power companies;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this exercise would result in cost escalation and time overrun; and

(d) if so, what actions are proposed to be taken to ensure adherence to time schedule and cost factor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATRUAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) It has decided that Mangalore Refinery & Petrochemicals Ltd. (MRPL) will be the implementing agency for the projects in the SEZ at Mangalore, and ONGC will process proposals/ recommendations of MRPL related to this project and after approval. provide finances and guarantees as required and requested by MRPL.

(c) and (d) The various components of the project are yet to be appraised and finalized. Therefore, the question of time and cost over runs does not arise at this stage.

Impact of revision in duties on oil companies

194. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tax burden has increased by Rs. 2.52 per litre on petrol and Rs. 1.53 per litre on diesel as a result of the changes in the excise duty in the last Budget;

(b) whether the increase in road cess from Rs. 1.50 to Rs. 2.00 per litre on petrol and diesel has further added to the tax burden on these products; and